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OPPOSED TO MAKING IT & PARTY QUESTION.

An editorial in the last number of the Greensboro North State, the leading Republican paper in the State, opposing the action of making prohibition a party question concludes thus:

We are opposed to making this a par-ty question, and we have many readers -loyal Republicans as live-and many against prohibition-who dispute the right of the State committee to dictate their course on this or any kindred subject not political.

SALEM ACADEMY.

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It Still Lives as an Institution, Strongthened by the Growth of Years, to Carry on its Mission of Good.

The closing exercises of the seventyseventh annual commencement of this old and venerable institution of learning, took place at Salem, N. C., on last Thursday, June 16th. The school is the property of the American Moravian church, and it is conducted under the supervision of the executive board of that denomination. But while this is so the system of teaching adopted is entirely non sectarian.

During the session just closed about one hundred and fifty students were in attendance, representing nearly all the Southern and many of the Northern States, and a class of thirteen young ladies were graduated. These were presented with diplomas in the presence of a large audience gathered in the col- the brute creation, and not this merely

lege chapel. The annual sermon was preached by Rev. E. Rondthaler, and the literary address was made by Hon. A. M. Waddell, of Wilmington. Mr. W's address was a gem of its kind and we take the the wild beast, for which we have deliberty of printing it entire:

ADDRESS.

Ladies and Gentlemen : When one is called upon to discharge the duty which I have undertaken to do to-day, he naturally desires to present something new to his audience.

He wishes to avoid if possible a repetition of facts and fancies, with which

the history of natural science is the the history of natural science is the proper history of the human race, and that what man will eventually accom-plish can hardly be conceived, but that the earth will gradually become cooler and cooler in the course of num-terless ages, until it ceases to be inhab-itable by man; that the race will perish; that the earth will become an ice-ball slowly and more slowly reice-ball slowly and more slowly re-volving around the sun; that the sun will also lose its heat entirely and final-ly all will be blank. The day will come, says one of the profoundest and most brilliant of the scientists—the day will come when man no longer can say. "Lo Homer's Son sends down his beams even on us"; a day when the earth over and over ice-clad will travel sluggishly around the sun, whose fires will then burn only with a ruddy glow; a day when first as in the beginning "light was," because then the first eye opened, so "darkness will be," because then the last eye closes, and then with cool in-difference he adds, "but from this fate millions of years still separate our race," and finally he closes his pitti less argument with this characteristic less argument with this characteristic observation: "A young man does not allow himself to be thwarted, either in his pleasure or in his ambition by thoughts of the infirmities of age, which await even him, or of the in-evitableness of death, so too we are little concerned about the fate that threatens our unimaginably remote postarity "

posterity."

Of the individual man and his destiny not one word is said. He is but an atom, a molecule in the world of humanity and therefore unworthy of a scientific investigation.

Suppose this is all true? Do the great and learned scientist, or are those whom he teaches any happier, than the simple plowman who eats his frugal evening meal, thanks God for his blessings and sleeps sweetly until the morning? The latter is little better in his sight than the beasts of the field. Indeed some of the evolutionists seem to find pleasure in tracing the origin of everything human to a degraded source. For the course of mechanism of our natural bodies to the most refined and the highest aspiration of our mental and moral nature, they seek to show that all must have had their genesis in but the very form and ceremonies of

our social organization and even of our religion are derived from some original custom of the savage, based in the veloped by evolution. Sometimes however, the zeal of these scientists leads to conclusions which may be strictly sci-

entific, but are also extremely ridiculous. For instance when I made my bow to you, ladies and gentlemen, a little while ago at the beginning of my re-marks, I thought of an essay by Her-bert Spencer which was published about three years ago. It was the 5th

yet reached the earth." Before such measureless magnitudes of distance and time, the human mind is over-whelmed. It stands awe-stricken in the presence of the microcosms which science has unfolded to its gaze; but fascinated by the revelations which it witnesses, it continually seeks more knowledge of the hidden systems of knowledge of the hidden systems of nature. Turn now from the heavens whose vast and incompehensible won-ders astronomy thus reveals, and contemplate the microcosms around and beneath us, and in them see visions as grand and extensive as any which the heavens contain. Learn from the chemist what the molecular theory of the universe is. Here him explain that the qualities of any substance in nature inhere in its molecules, or smallest particles, that all the molecules of the same substance are absolutely alike in every respect; that these molecules or smallest particles of a substance, are themselves bodies, or systems of bodies moving in space, that therefore any substance in nature—a lump of sugar for instance, or a lump of salt, or a piece of bread, is a universe of moving worlds, and that either of these substances would, if we could look into the molecular universe as we look into the heavens, present to the eye very much the same picture, that the star clusters now do when viewed through the telescope. Hear him assert that the molecular mechanics is as positive a field of study as astronomy, and fi-nally look at the tables of calculation, on which he marked the size and weight of the molecules-not of any solid substance, but of hydrogen gas! Contemplating thus the immensities of space on the one hand, and the infini-tessimal wonders of the molecular universe on the other, we get a just appre-

ciation of our own relative attitude in the creation, while we humble ourselves in the dust before that sublime and awful Creator, whom the scientists call the Supreme Intelligence, and the Christian worships as his father and his God. There is still another realm beside

the sky and the earth, to which seience has directed its penetrating glance, and from which it has wrenched rich spoils -that realm is the sea, the grandest part of our planet. From the earliest ages it has been the theme of poets and philosophers. All the sublimest images of every language have been drawn from it. As the name of Co pernicus is forever connected with the study of astronomy, so is the name of Maury, our Southern countryman, connected with the science of the great deep. In prose and in verse, and analysis science has exhausted itself in describing its physical wonders, yet still it heaves its restless billows mockingly and rolls on-

the mysterious main. It wraps in its watery mantle three-fourths of the surface of the globe-the continents, grand as they are, are but islands on its bosom. Islands inhabitthey are already familiar; at least to present them if used, in some new and attractive light. Speakers generally ment," and the title of it was "obeisan-attractive light. Speakers generally scientist the earth. It calls its messengers, the winds, and confiding to them its vapors, sends them to be condensed, against the mountain sides and fall in grateful rains upon the land. Thus it makes the lakes and springs and rivers, which gladdening and fertilizing the earth in their journey, roll back again to refresh and enrich the sea, but not to fill it, for the process, like all the processes of nature, is unending, and equilibrium is the law. It is the bitter salt sea, but it sweetens and freshens the earth. Whether the estimated quantity of common salt which it holds in solution, and which is as inconceivable as the distance to the stars, be correct or not, we know that one river alone-the Amazon-has poured for ages and still pours into its all absorbing depths, a large volume of fresh water without any appreciable effect fifty miles from where it empties. It is the energetic sea, the highest type of ceaseless labor, the soil comes. Therefore, gentlemen wherever, you see a a little dog perform this act of submission and conciliation, you will a rounded pebble anywhere, which is not the result of labor performed by own good manners in general, and the bow in particular. Now I say this is has been pounded into its present shape by the tireless waves, and they have man, as it is certainly is not a pleasant left upon the tops of the highest moun-situation for the little dog, but it is tains the evidence of their work. It is about as agreeable and satisfactory as the wonderful sea, more wonderful any aspect of the doctrine of evolution now that science has unveiled so many that I have seen, excepting always one and that is the consoling view that in its last analysis evolution is necessarily it. But though ever changing though always the same,

NORTH CAROLINA HADICALS IN WASHINGTON.

Outs that Want to Get In, and lus that Don't Want to Get Out. To the Editor of The Observer.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 15.

Last night this city was invaded by about 900 colored excursionists from Wilmington and points in North Carolina north of that place. This is the day for the committee of fifteen appointed by the Baleigh colored conven-tion to wait on the President and de-mand their share of the loaves in North Carolina. It is said that this large exodus from North Carolina to the White House is inspired by Keogh's resolution in the State Republican committee to come here and demand the leading Federal offices in eastern North Carolina for the colored race. Those resolutions, which created much excitement here, you will remember, called on the President to give the leading federal offices in counties where the negroes had a majority of voters, to that race. I have talked with a few of their leaders to-day and they express themselves as determined to secure some of the benefits for themselves insteadof being used by white men in their own interests. It looks as though the negroes are waking up to the fact that they might as well have

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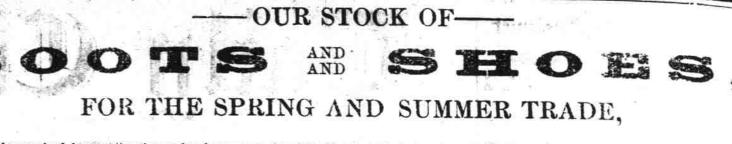
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some of the pickings. The radical pot is boiling. North Carolina Republican office seekers are numerous, persistent and unsuccessful. Judge Buxton cries for a soft place and gets it not. Gus Moore wants a territorial judgeship. Windy Billy Hender-son has been here ever since the inauguration, looking after an office. He claims to alternate in sleeping with John Sherman and a fellow named Cramer who hails from about Thomasville. This is the same Cramer who once wrote Senator Abbott, and said that Grant's brother-in-law, Cramer, with the same initials was hung up in the Senate for the mission to Denmark, and if he would only sneak him through and get him the commission he would pay him a thousand dollars. Hender-son was first for Wheeler's place. He shook the tree-the collectorship of the 5th district dropped, but Everett picked it up. Then the valiant colonel got after Douglas's place. When that matter was getting warm Oliver Dockery stepped in and asked for the marshalship of the western district. It is said Garfield promised to give him the commission last week. Dockery is here and says he will be appointed in a few days. Douglas is here also and seems to be under a cloud. He applied for funds to run the Charlotte court, and the au-thorities refused point blank to give him a cent. Their action is said to be based on the bad condition of his accounts. Canaday is here to-day declaring he will have Douglas's scalp. It seems the State Republican executive committee at its last meeting unanimously passed a resolution asking the President to remove Douglas and appoint Dockery in his place. Douglas says he has influence enough in Washington to beat ten committees; and is not sparing in his personal denunciation of members of the State committee. There seems no doubt that Tourgee controls Garfield on North Carolina appointments, and that he has advised the removal of all the old Grant gang in your State. The President has cleary made up his mind to take his advice. It is also whispered here that Blaine intends to get his little revenge in the old North State and that Dr. Mott is to be his first victim. The current report here is that Mott has always been violently opposed to Blaine and that the Premier has been fully informed on the subject. Douglas will come in for a full share of Blaine's attention. Ike Young is said to be doomed and his decapitation will soon take, place. The Wilmington-Statesville ring have marked Albertson for punishment, and are said to be pushing Geo. L. Mabson, of Wilmington for his place. The radicals from your State resident here, and those who occasionally visit here, are a unit in denouncing Garfield for allowing Tourgee to control him. The criticisms are very severe, and foreshadow a disruption of the Republican party in your State. There never has been such an evidence of discord. The leaders are all at loggerheads, and if there is anything in the signs of the times the Radical snake is dead. The negroes have been warmed up in the radical breast until they are ready to bite. The mania for office among them has reached a high point and Washing-ton is now full of ambitious office seek-Garfield and Blaine are determined to punish all the Grant and anti-Blaine men in the country, and Democrats see a walk over for the next congressional and presidential elections. OCCASIONAL.



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flatter themselves with the idea that they do this, but their opinion is apt to be based either upon an over estimate of their own attainments or an under estimate of those to whom they speak, or perhaps upon both. I confess my firm faith in the dogma, "a little learn-ing is a dangerous thing," especially if the thing is to be displayed on an occa-sion like this, and the older I grow the more my faith in it increases. I remember that some years ago I was delighted by a witticism perpetrated by Sydney Smith, (I believe) when he found that what he thought was an original idea of his own, was a very old one. "A plague on these vile ancients," he said, "they have stolen all our bright thoughts." I was sure that this witticism at least was original. It certainly was a brilliant refutation of the very statement it contained, but alas I subsequently found that more than a thousand years before Sydney Smith was presence he suddenly and unexpectedly born. Donatus had written exactly the same thing in the line:

"Pereat illi qui ante nos nostra dixerunt."

Solomon was, in one sense right, when he said there was nothing new under the sun, but probably he stole the re-mark from some early eastern philosopher and thereby proved that even pla-gairism was not new. Unconscious plagairism as we all know is very common. These unhappy men who go exultingly to the United States patent office, and come away in despair and disgust; nearly every day find that out. They their own. Fortunately for him, Chris-topher Columbus died innocently be-lieving himself an original discuss to be connot be otherwise the although there is every reason to beconductor of an expedition to America. gusted until he is found out. Now, in tion would send them off by telegraph to a steam printing press, to be pub-lished the same day, and thus become the common property of the public and the subject of criticism for everybody in the world. An Athenian or Roman the next morning's paper a full account of it is laid on your breakfast table. Whether mankind are any happier now ist fall upon our ears: greater facilities of intercommunica-tion, and the consequently greater in-formation which they enjoy, I do not know and will not discuss. Knowledge is power, but it is not | visitest him ?"

ces." The distinguished scientist therein proved conclusively to himself at least, that the bow which I just now made to you and the tipping of my hat to a lady on the street this morning, originated not in any sense of polite-ness on my part, not from any teaching received in my youth, not from any association with others who do the like, but from the ancient custom of kissing the hand of a superior, which custom originated from the habit of kneeling to a ruler, and that from prostrating ones self before a conqueror, and that from kissing his feet, and that from crawling before him, and that from lying on the back and slap-ping the thighs, (as they still do in Africa) and that from what do you whink? Why from the habit of a little dog, who falls down, turns over on his back, and holds up his legs, in token of submission to a bigger dog, into whose

recognize the original source of your not a pleasant reflection for a gentle-

grateful. These triumphs have all been accomplished in the last three centulieve that he was not even the second ries. A mere list of the improvements which science has added to domestic Conscious plagairism is now common, still unlike the inventions at the patent office, the author does not become dis-hold comfort, a useful machine, a beautiful art, a commercial convenience, a gusted until he is found out. Mow, in regard to this latter offense those vile ancients to whom Sidney Smith refer-red, had the advantage of us very de-cidedly. For instance, they had no stenographic reporters, who would snatch a man's thoughts as he uttered them, and rushing off to a railway sta-tion medical remedy, an industrial or char-itable institution, a method of spreading knowledge, a discovery of any kind which is practically useful to man, for which we are not indebted to the sci-ence of the last three hundred years. Of the vast and sublime field it has opened to the intellectual heavens above, in the earth beneath and the waters under the earth, it is impossible to think without enthusiasm, so to speak, except without humility. Go out to night and look at the starry orator, could have traversed Greece or heavens, less than three hundred years beavens, less than three hundred years the Roman Empire, making the same speech every day, and saying something new to each audience, or he might even have stolen his speech bodily without incurring the risk of hearing some un-pleasant person observe, "oh, that's old, I read it in the Daily Gladiator two weeks ago," but how different it is with us nowadays. Gladatone makes with us nowadays. Gladstone makes a great speech in England, or Bismarck forges a new link in German unity, or Gambetta climbs a step nearer the dangerous pinnacle of power in France, or a Czar is blown up, or a New York politician, in a fit of impotent rage, saws off the high limb on which he sits between himself and the tree, and in the which our forefallers looked

"What is man that thou art mindful of him, and the son of man that thou

"Time writes no wrinkle on thine azure brow, Buch as creation's dawn beheld thee, thou rollest

It furnishes the only illustration of perpetual motion, of which our senses can take notice, and establishes in the most beautiful manner the theory that there is a great law of compensation throughout nature.

Doubtless many of you have never seen the grand and beautiful sea. When you do, unless you are entirely destitute of all sentiment, it will delight your senses and elevate your spirit beyond description, and now in conclusion let us turn for a moment to the material ocean, the boundless sea of knowledge, whose farthest shore no mariner has ever reached. When in childhood I beheld one of the large ocean shells, which the great artist has painted with such inimitable skill, my wonder was increased when I was told that by placing it to my ear I could hear, though faintly, the thunder of the surf. Charmed with the idea I used to sit with it in that position and listen to the mysterious murmurings which whispered from its rosy lips, and yearn impatiently for the time when I should

see the great deep and hear its mighty anthems singing in my ears. So like the sea shell to the physical ear of childhood is the wise or beauti-ful thought of another to the young and the sea shell to the search and generous mind. In it can be heard the harmonies of that limitless ocean of knowledge, which compasses the mind and yields its treasures mysteriously to every voyager who traverses its domain. That is a calm and ever peaceful ocean whose broad realm is undisturbed by storms, and upon which darkness never rests, for it is a region of eternal light and ever increasing beauty:

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